Price of Ethembutol

1508. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ethembutol is available in the market at much lower price than the price fixed by Government;

(b) if so, what is the current fixed price of Ethembutol and at what price this drug is being sold;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the formulators are buying this drug at a much cheaper price than the price taken in the working of their formulation prices;

(d) whether any formulator has reduced the formulation prices of the formulations based on the lower price of the drug;

(e) if so, name of each company, band name, strength, alongwith earlier and reduced price of each;

(f) whether his Ministry has received any intimation in regard to the voluntary reduction of price of these formulations; and

(g) if so, name of the company and the price intimated of each strength and pack of Ethembutol formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The maximum sale price fixed for Ethembutol under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 is Rs. 681/- per kg. Formulators are free to purchase the drug at a price not exceeding the maximum sale price as fixed by the Government.

(c) There are no reports to this effect.

(d) The prices of formulations fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are the maximum retail prices and the manufacturers are free to sell the formulations at any price not exceeding the maximum retail price fixed by the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Sales turnover of Harmones of Infar

1509. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the sales turnover of Harmones of Infar (India), German Remedies, Duchar and Wyeth during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the percentage sale of Harmones of each of these companies to their total sales turnover of formulations during the last three years year-wise; and

(c) the name of the formulations based on categories I and II of Bulk drugs under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 being produced by these companies alongwith the sales turnover of each during the last three years, year-wise and percentage of sale to total sales turnover of formulations of same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Sales turnover, formulation-wise and therapeutic group-wise is not monitored. The percentage of sales turn-over of Harmones to the total sales turnover of these companies is, therefore, not available.

(c) Details showing the names of category I and Category II formulations to the extent available in respect of these companies are given in the attached Statement.